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The Hope For a Revival

By Dr. H. J. Ockenga

Contradictory Voices

The desire for a widespread and sweeping revival of religion has been constantly expressed by Christian leaders for two decades, but as yet no great movement of spiritual quickening has been experienced.

Now voices are heard telling that it is too late for revival, that the age of grace is almost over, that the Holy Spirit is being withdrawn, and that apostasy will grow worse and worse.

The first were voices of hope; the second are voices of despair; both are within the Christian camp.

Solemn Questioning

Is there any sound Scriptural reason for expecting a revival? Ought we in the face of the prophetic hope to give curselves in the latter days to the means to the promotion of a revival? Will the Lord revive His work in the midst of these dreadful years?

Christ's Prophetic Answer

May I remind you that the very prophetic word speaks of revivals throughout this entire age. Jesus began His ministry by quoting Isaiah 61: 1, 2; "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Here He ended, though the prophet added, "and the day of vengeance of our God." This is the gospel age, the age of God's favour when the profuse blessings of His grace are poured out. These will be the characteristics of the age till its end.

Confirming this are Peter's words spoken on Solomon's porch after the healing of the lame man at the gate Beautiful, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, *when times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;* and he shall send Jesus Christ. . . ." These times of refreshing will continue till God sends Jesus at the times of restitution.

Peter at Pentecost

There is reason to believe that God will send a great ingathering before the end of the age. When Peter at Pentecost said, "This is that which

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FORTY-NINE REGIONAL CONFERENCES PLANNED FOR FALL AND WINTER

Every Section of Country Included

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THE FIRST FUNDAMENTAL

By J. ELWIN WRIGHT

(A radio address delivered over the Yankee Network, Mountain Top Hour, July 12, 1942.)

I am addressing my message this morning especially to my brethren in the ministry, but, as well, to all those who are concerned over the crisis which the church faces in a time of widespread apostasy but of conflicting opinions as to the best remedy.

My text is: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." Luke 10:27. This is undoubtedly the first fundamental.

We are hearing a great deal about fundamentalism these days. The whole Protestant world is seething with accusations, recriminations, suspicions, espionage and counter-espionage over questions of who and what is fundamental.

Formerly, to be fundamental meant that one must subscribe to a creedal statement which covered the more prominent doctrines of faith held by a few of the conservative denominations, but containing certain points rejected by several others equally evangelical.

Latterly, the field of fellowship has been considerably narrowed by the more radical or militant wing. According to this section of fundamentalists one is not worthy of fellowship unless one adopts the thesis of direct attack upon personalities and organizations as well as upon principles. And so, in addition to the usual creedal statement a new point has been added (not in word so much as in deed). It is this — "Thou shalt disfellowship all those who do not agree to attack, not only modernism, but the modernists."

We wonder if in adopting a thesis which is likely to gender hatred, the *great* fundamental is in danger of being lost. That fundamental is found in our text. Let's read it again: "Thou shalt *love* the Lord thy God with *all* thy heart, and with *all* thy soul, and with *all* thy strength, and with *all* thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." Did you ever stop to realize how inclusive that is? If it really means what it says there is no room in the heart for bitterness, jealousy, self-seeking, evil designs, or any of the other manifestations of carnality which must appear when one devotes himself to the art of hating. Hatred of organizations is too easily converted into hatred of persons in those organizations — and finally into hatred of all who do not agree to hate.

I believe this deserves a good deal of consideration at the moment because we are standing at the crossroads of church history and its course is being charted along lines which will inevitably affect every denomination, mission board, seminary, Christian college, Bible Institute, religious periodical or inter-denominational organization in the country.

There are three great divisions of Protestantism in existence today. Although all are rated as Protestants there is a wide gulf opening between them which will not be easily crossed as its spaces become more definitely fixed. On one side are the liberals or modernists, rejecting the authority of God's Word, the deity of Christ, the atonement and the necessity for the new birth. On the other hand are the radicals who have firm convictions on the fundamentals but who, in some instances, have too little concern for ethics, are careless of their facts and are convinced that all is fair in warfare against modernism even if it is based on something less than the

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NATION CALLED TO PRAYER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Charles E. Fuller, director of the Old Fashion Revival Hour, is calling for a day of prayer on Monday, September 7th. In this appeal God is challenging Bible Christians the world over to enter into the spirit of the Psalmist who said, "I will give myself unto prayer." Psalm 109:4.

How significant for this day the picture of the Apostolic Church: "Peter in prison, the Jews triumphant, Herod supreme, the arena of martyrdom awaiting the dawning of the morning to drink up the apostles' blood, and everything else against it. 'But prayer was made unto God without ceasing.' And what was the sequel? The prison open, the apostle free, the Jews baffled, the wicked king eaten of worms, a spectacle of hidden retribution, and the Word of God rolling on in greater victory."

In response to this timely call to prayer let us give ourselves to preparation for a revival by devoting as much of the day to church, cottage, home, and private prayer seasons as possible! In our praying let us "beware above everything of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that we know what He can do. Expect unexpected things, **above** all that we ask or think. Each time you intercede, be quiet first and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, of how He delights to answer prayer and expect great things."

REVIVAL EMPHASIS TO DOMINATE RALLIES

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The tentative locations and dates of Regional Conferences of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action are as follows:

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21 Columbus, Ohio
22 Altoona, Pa.
24 Philadelphia, Pa.
25 Baltimore, Md.
28 Schenectady, N. Y.

October

1 Buffalo, N. Y.
5 Detroit, Mich.
6 Indianapolis, Ind.
8 Des Moines, Iowa
9 Kansas City, Mo.
13 Minneapolis, Minn.
14 Bismarck, N. Dak.
15 Billings, Mont.
16 Spokane, Wash.
19 Seattle, Wash.
20 Portland, Ore.
21 Boise, Ida.
22 Denver, Colo.

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OUR ANSWER TO OUR CRITICS

PLAN STATED

It is best for evangelicals to make no defensive answer to hypocrisy, backbiting and false accusations but to concentrate on the consideration of how to get the gospel message out the most quickly and effectively. If there was ever a time when evangelicals needed to meditate upon this it is now, for there is every temptation to spend valuable time in anger, recrimination and striking back instead of letting unjust attacks bring their own retribution upon the heads of the attackers.

We DO have a FAITH to defend. We DO have a GOSPEL to proclaim. We DO have an enemy to RESIST. But the faith of our fathers, which we are pledged to defend, is a confident belief in God's eternal Word. Our Gospel is that found in John 3:16. And our enemy is he who would seek to lure us away from emphasis upon that Gospel by any means.

SATAN'S TACTICS

It is no new strategy of Satan to accomplish his design by using the prejudices, the jealousies, the love of position, the desire to be in the spotlight or the twisting of an issue on the part of professed Christians, when he cannot succeed by the more frontal attack of denial of the Gospel itself.

CAUTION SUGGESTED

In this situation evangelicals ought to be more than ever on the alert not to be caught in his devices. The greatest issue before us now is not whether we shall have the serenity of heart to go about our work without being diverted by unjust and libelous accusations.

STAND TAKEN

We have taken our stand, from Maine to California, and from Seattle to Miami, against the philosophy that hatred, abuse and recrimination will win out. We have a Gospel to proclaim. Our task is to become so unified in our grand strategy for the propagation of this Gospel that we shall move rapidly into every open door which is presented. The need is that every city, town, hamlet and isolated individual shall have an opportunity to know that Gospel and accept it.

NEED OBSERVED

The first need is to strip away the embellishments which has left the Gospel buried under a mass of tradition that has been accumulating through the centuries. It seems to us that this has already been well done in the simplified statement of faith adopted by the St. Louis conference. It only remains for evangelicals to realize that this constitutes a very adequate foundation upon which to build interdenominational understanding.

Going on from this point, the next study should be to synchronize the machinery for getting the message out and perhaps find ways and means of scrapping a lot of it that is obsolete.

OBJECTIVE VIEWED

There are many lesser things which the newly formed National Association of Evangelicals for United Action may do to assist their constituent bodies in the work of God, but none of these can compare in importance with the "drive" to get the Gospel to the masses with the least possible delay, for if this generation is evangelized it must be done now and not twenty-five years hence.

The Problem of Representation

Original Basis

The temporary constitution adopted at St. Louis provides that "denominations which have become members of this association shall be represented at all general meetings of the body by one delegate to every five thousand members or fraction thereof; except as in such denominations whose membership exceeds two hundred thousand, in which case representation after twenty members shall be on the basis of one additional representative for every fifteen thousand members. Organizations shall be represented by one person duly appointed by that organization. Individual churches or groups of churches, not in affiliation with a member denomination, shall be represented by one delegate from each church."

Revision Needed

Experience gained in the development of the organization, even in these early stages, makes it clear that this provision will need much careful consideration and considerable revision.

So far as the membership by denominations is concerned the representation already provided may be workable, although in view of the large membership in prospect it is likely to prove unwieldy. The greatest difficulty will be the method of selecting delegates from member churches or organizations other than denominations. We are inclined to the view that all groups other than denominations, with the exception of those which are national in scope and membership, should join the state or district organizations rather than the National Association, and vote for delegates to the national conventions at the state or district meetings. An exception could be made in the case of churches within denominations not affiliated with the National Association, but which have a considerable number of memberships by churches in the organization.

Suggested Solution

We offer the following for discussion and consideration as possibly providing a solution of this important problem:

"Single churches, local organizations and individuals desiring to affiliate with the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action shall join a state or district conference and shall vote at its annual meeting for delegates to the national convention. Each district shall be entitled to one delegate to the national convention for each five thousand members or fraction thereof, except in districts having a membership of more than two hundred thousand, in which case representation after twenty members shall be on the basis of one additional member for every fifteen thousand.

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Dr. Donald Gray Barnhouse, pastor Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Penna.

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truth. In the heat of controversy reputations are injured and truth is distorted to prove a point. Falsification may be unintentional but — sadly—it still leaves in its wake broken friendships, divided churches, bitter feuds which may leave scars for generations. And yet it is all done under the guise of defending the faith. Fortunately these over-zealous but unwise contenders who have become contentious are but a small minority among fundamentalists but what they lack in numbers they make up in vocal broadsides of condemnation so that they appear to be more numerous than they really are.

Besides the modernists and these contentious radicals there is a third group; a great unvoiced multitude of Christian people who, being without cohesion, have been without representation in many matters of common interest and concern. They are the rank and file of believers. To them the Bible is a precious book, full of nourishment. Christ is their Saviour, the Holy Spirit their Guide. They belong to a hundred denominations but they are of common faith. Some of them, because they have the same theology as the more belligerent contenders for the faith have been identified with them although they regret their lack of graciousness. They have tried to overlook the pettiness, the factual care-

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Rev. J. E., Independent

The New York meeting in the interest of the movement of the evangelicals of the country to associate themselves together for united action, with its large attendance, expository and explanatory addresses, and the pervading spiritual and prayerful atmosphere, surely portends a day when those who share the evangelistic principles and fervor will have a voice with which to speak. Our disassociated voices mean little when contending for those matters of so much moment to us, which are outlined in the handbook and presented in these regional meetings. But united we can stand for our principles and proper place, and guard the privileges which our Bible and our nation's constitution guarantee to saved men in a free land.

Rev. G. E., Baptist

The Regional Conference was the most promising gathering of Christian leaders it has been my privilege to attend. I came away with a heart burning because of the manifestaton of unity of doctrine and faith, and of Christian love. The thing that thrilled me most was the evident fact that the conference did not desire to follow an offensive policy of attacking other men or movements, and was interested not only in a defensive policy of safeguarding the interests of evangelicals, but that there was a deep desire that God would move through this movement to bring revival to our hearts and churches, and so to our nation. I believe God will honor such a purpose.

Cyrus N. Nelson, Mt. Hermon, Calif.

"The new national movement among Evangelicals meets a long felt need, and I am glad you have apprised me of the plan, so I can call attention of the plan and program of the coming days to our people. We have many wonderful folk who know how to pray and will join with you in this phase of the work."

Rev. W. S., Christian & Missionary Alliance

"We went to Boston wondering if it could really be true. Some of us had taken in other such efforts which had been wrecked by self-seeking in one form or another. From the beginning God's presence was evident. The prayer period was helpful. The leaders, men who had been at St. Louis, and who were themselves eminently successful in their own fields, were with us to 'sell' the idea—not to promote personal interests. No attempt was made to harmonize differing ideas nor to minimize their importance; rather the effort was to find the common meeting place in Christ, at the base of the Cross, and around the Book."

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Others of this great body of believers are still playing around the fringes of modernism, sending their children to modernist schools, attending modernist conferences, supporting modernist churches and modernist missionary organizations.

Why have they done so? In many instances, I am convinced because their very souls rebel against preaching which has become very largely negative and without the sweetness of the Gospel which feeds the soul. They dislike modernism but they know that the alternative of contentious fundamentalism is not going to meet the need. They are, in many cases searching hopefully for something better.

This situation has existed for a generation. During this period modernism has become much more deeply intrenched, more highly organized and more blatantly infidel.

This brings me to the more vital part of my message. We have very evidently arrived at a time when it is essential that the leadership of evangelicalism shall pass into the hands of men of sound judgment and winsome spirit — men who can be respected and trusted; men who are careful of their facts; men who have courage — but along with that courage — wisdom to keep within the citadel of truth, unselfishness and sincerity; men who dare to fight but who do not hit below the belt, men who would not descend to backbiting and evil speaking.

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I was thrilled with the prayerful attitude, the fine spirit of Christian love, and the brotherly fellowship that permeated both conferences in St. Louis and New York that I had the privilege of attending. May the Lord richly bless and guide you, Bro. Ralph Davis, Dr. Ockenga, and the others who have been called to lead in this crucial hour, and I will be praying for you. May Christ give the victory.

Rev. J. E., Independent

The New York meeting in the interest of the movement of the evangelicals of the country to associate themselves together for united action, with its large attendance, expository and explanatory addresses, and the pervading spiritual and prayerful atmosphere, surely portends a day when those who share the evangelistic principles and fervor will have a voice with which to speak. Our disassociated voices mean little when contending for those matters of so much moment to us, which are outlined in the handbook and presented in these regional meetings. But united we can stand for our principles and proper place, and guard the privileges which our Bible and our nation's constitution guarantee to saved men in a free land.

Rev. G. E., Baptist

The Regional Conference was the most promising gathering of Christian leaders it has been my privilege to attend. I came away with a heart burning because of the manifestaton of unity of doctrine and faith, and of Christian love. The thing that thrilled me most was the evident fact that the conference did not desire to follow an offensive policy of attacking other men or movements, and was interested not only in a defensive policy of safeguarding the interests of evangelicals, but that there was a deep desire that God would move through this movement to bring revival to our hearts and churches, and so to our nation. I believe God will honor such a purpose.

Cyrus N. Nelson, Mt. Hermon, Calif.

"The new national movement among Evangelicals meets a long felt need, and I am glad you have apprised me of the plan, so I can call attention of the plan and program of the coming days to our people. We have many wonderful folk who know how to pray and will join with you in this phase of the work."

Rev. W. S., Christian & Missionary Alliance

"We went to Boston wondering if it could really be true. Some of us had taken in other such efforts which had been wrecked by self-seeking in one form or another. From the beginning God's presence was evident. The prayer period was helpful. The leaders, men who had been at St. Louis, and who were themselves eminently successful in their own fields, were with us to 'sell' the idea—not to promote personal interests. No attempt was made to harmonize differing ideas nor to minimize their importance; rather the effort was to find the common meeting place in Christ, at the base of the Cross, and around the Book."

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lessness, the egotism and the other faults of these leaders because they stand for the fundamentals and because they know that they can have no fellowship with modernism.

Others of this great body of believers are still playing around the fringes of modernism, sending their children to modernist schools, attending modernist conferences, supporting modernist churches and modernist missionary organizations.

Why have they done so? In many instances, I am convinced because their very souls rebel against preaching which has become very largely negative and without the sweetness of the Gospel which feeds the soul. They dislike modernism but they know that the alternative of contentious fundamentalism is not going to meet the need. They are, in many cases searching hopefully for something better.

This situation has existed for a generation. During this period modernism has become much more deeply intrenched, more highly organized and more blatantly infidel.

This brings me to the more vital part of my message. We have very evidently arrived at a time when it is essential that the leadership of evangelicalism shall pass into the hands of men of sound judgment and winsome spirit — men who can be respected and trusted; men who are careful of their facts; men who have courage — but along with that courage — wisdom to keep within the citadel of truth, unselfishness and sincerity; men who dare to fight but who do not hit below the belt, men who would not descend to backbiting and evil speaking.

But, along with these qualities there must be something more for successful leadership — something which has been sadly lacking in the church — and I speak out of a full heart in behalf of millions of unrepresented Christians who are between the upper millstone of modernism and the nether millstone of contention, and millions of others outside the church who need a Saviour. These millions must have a baptism of love for God, love for Christ, love for His Word, love for their fellow Christians of all evangelical connections, love for the unsaved which will make them gracious and winsome in their dealings with

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A LETTER WORTH READING

Rev. J. Elwin Wright
Zero Park Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Brother Wright:

I was deeply impressed with the meeting of the "United Action" at Calvary Baptist Church. While the speakers were excellent and President Ockenga presided with dignity and grace, and President Ferrin led superbly in the offering, it was the general tone and spirit of the gathering that registered in my soul. I felt that the ideal of "Unity" among evangelicals was bidding fair to become a reality.

If we can get together on a definitely positive basis, and the New York meeting seems prophetic of our ability to do so, I believe the cause of Evangelical Christianity will be saved from further disintegration and that the revival we have prayed and longed for will most certainly come.

With every good wish in Him for the success of the movement, I am

Sincerely yours,
CSR; MN **Clarence S. Roddy,** Pastor,
The Baptist Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y.

FORTY-NINE REGIONAL CONFERENCES PLANNED

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23 Omaha, Nebr.

November

5 Louisville, Ky.
6 Charleston, W. Va.
9 Washington, D. C.
10 Richmond or Lynchburg, Va.
11 Asheville, N. Car.
12 Nashville, Tenn.
13 Memphis, Tenn.
16 Little Rock, Ark.
17 Shreveport, La.
19 Dallas, Texas
20 Houston, Texas

January

5 Chicago, Ill.
7 Tulsa, Okla.
8 Albuquerque, N. Mex.
11 El Paso, Texas
13 Phoenix, Ariz.
14 San Diego, Calif.
15 Los Angeles, Calif.
18 Fresno, Calif.
19 Oakland, Calif.

March

8 Greenville, S. Car.
9 Atlanta, Ga.
11 Chattanooga, Tenn.
12 Jacksonville, Fla.
15 Orlando, Fla.
16 St. Petersburg, Fla.
18 Miami, Fla.
22 New Orleans, La.
23 Jackson, Fla.
24 Montgomery, Ala.

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was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the *last days,* saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh . . . before that great and notable day of the Lord come," he referred to the greatest revival of all times, which the prophet Joel connected with the day of the Lord's coming.

Hosea's Reasoning

Likewise, Hosea makes a fervent plea in language which immediately applies only to Israel, whereas the principles may be taken as applicable for us today. "Come let us return unto the Lord; for he hath torn and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days (eras) he will revive us. . . . Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." God's movements in the midst of men are likened to the former and latter rain. Hosea used this same figure (10:12) again, "Sow unto yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness on you." This was Charles G. Finney's favorite text in lecturing on Revivals. By it he brought about many seasons of refreshing. The laws he applied are the same in this later day of the gospel age.

Solomon's Prayer

What Solomon prayed at the dedication of the temple about prayer toward that temple (II Chron. 6 and 7) on the condition of repentance, confession, conversion and trust may be applied to those who pray in the name of Christ today, for the dwelling place of Christ is in the midst of His people (Matt. 18:20). The promise of God stands, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Statement of Fact

God is ready and willing to move among us as the latter rain, but He has restricted His activity to conditions which the Church must meet. God's sovereignty does not mean arbitrary reviving or judging of men. It means the fulfilment of spiritual laws, as inexorable as natural laws.

Our Challenge

The most hopeful factor in the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action is the revival spirit which has characterized its convention and rallies. In every place those present have been bowed down before the Spirit of God in prayer, confession and intercession. Why could not this be the vanguard in the movement of revival? With purity in Apostolic Christian doctrine, with unity of endeavor among evangelicals, and with a new anointing of Divine love, we believe that it will be such a leadership. Let us pray to that end.

Fall Series of Regional Conferences Under Way September 21

COLUMBUS, OHIO, ALTOONA AND SCRANTON, PA., BALTIMORE, MD., FIRST CITIES

Leaders of many denominations will confer in Regional Conferences of the National Association to be held at the following points:

Monday, September 21. Hotel Deschler-Wallick, Columbus, Ohio.

Tuesday, September 22. First Baptist Church, Altoona, Pa.

Thursday, September 24. Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

Friday, September 25. Arlington Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md.

The same general pattern will be followed that proved so effective in the New York and Boston conferences of last June. The conferences will open at 10:30 a. m. with a call to revival and a heart-searching season of prayer. At 2:00 p. m. two informative messages will be brought, one dealing with the St. Louis conference of last April, the other giving some pertinent facts about the need of unified effort among evangelicals. This will be followed by an open forum in which all delegates are invited to take part. In the evening there will be a Christ-centered message which will challenge the delegates to a great advance against the forces of apostasy and indifference.

The speakers for this series will include Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park St. Church in Boston and President of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action; Bishop Leslie R. Marston of the Free Methodist church, a member of the Executive Committee; Dr. T. Roland Phillips, pastor of Arlington Presbyterian church in Baltimore, also a member of the Executive Committee; Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, New York; President Howard W. Ferrin of the Providence Bible Institute; Rev. J. Elwin Wright, President of the New England Fellowship and Promotional Director of the National Association; President Stephen W. Paine of Houghton College; Rev. William S. LaSor of Green Ridge Presbyterian church, Scranton, Pa., and Dr. C. Gordon Brownville, pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston.

Dr. D. S. Yeaworth of the Presbyterian church in Philadelphia will preside at the meeting in that city. Dr. W. W. Breckbill has accepted the chairmanship for Altoona and Dr. T. Roland Phillips for Baltimore.

The sessions in all cities are open to the public. Pastors, executives and officers of Chritian organizations and all engaged in full time services in those organizations are urged to attend.

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others.

Haven't we by this time learned the lesson that simply fighting something doesn't change the situation for the better. If it could we would witness its beneficial results after all these years. The attitude of Jesus is plain. His disciples desired to call down fire from heaven on the unbelievers of His day but we read that "he turned and rebuked them, and said, 'Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.'" (Luke 9: 55.)

I believe that brokenness of spirit and genuine concern for those who have become enmeshed in modernism, which will cause us to pray and work for their deliverance from Satan's clutches will accomplish more than all the ranting in the world.

O that God would anoint His church in this generation for a mighty work of evangelism! That we might be one in Him! That we might speak the same things! That we might come into the unity of the faith! Perhaps we have never been so near a sweeping revival in generations as now. But that revival must be born in prayer, confession, humbleness of heart, yearning over the unsaved, genuine fellowship among all believers, willingness to overlook each other's peculiarity of method or interpretation of scripture on the less vital points. Calvinists must learn to love Arminians; premillennialists must learn to be considerate of an a-millenarian; immersionists must learn to bear with those who believe sprinkling is the proper form; Baptists must begin to appreciate Nazarenes; Presbyterians must have fellowship with Advent Christians and Pentecostalists must be glad for the fidelity of Lutherans to the essentials of the faith.

No, I am not suggesting at all that we concede any single doctrine, be it *more* or *less* essential, which we believe to be the truth according to God's Word. I am pleading that we stop striking out against fellow believers and hurting them by our thoughtless and tactless slurs against the things that they believe and we do not. If they are wrong we will have a much better chance of setting them straight by presenting the truth positively and backing it up by the Word of God.

Will revival really come — the *great* revival for which we have prayed so long earnestly? I believe it may—but it depends upon us in this crisis hour. Fundamentalists may delay it more than modernists by failure to confess the sin of fighting carnally. Fundamentalists on the other hand, may hasten it by supporting this great movement which is beginning to stir our hearts with hope and expectation from Maine to California.

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